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SUBJECT: USE OF US HELICOPTER BY RED CROSS IN
KHMER REPUBLIC

1. IN WHAT HE EMPHASIZED WAS INFORMAL APPROACH, COLONEL DOUGLAS GILL, CHIEF OF OPERATIONS OF RED CROSS INDOCHINA OPERATIONAL GROUP (IOG), ASKED MISOFF ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF IOG OBTAINING USE OF ONE US HELICOPTER WITH CREW IN KHMER REPUBLIC FOR UNSPECIFIED PERIOD.

2. GILL SAID INCREASINGLY DETERIORATING MILITARY SITUATION THERE PLACES AT LEAST THREE IOG MEDICAL TEAMS IN JEOPARDY AT PRESENT. IOG THEREFORE BELIEVES SOME RELIABLE MEANS OF EVACUATION MUST BE KEPT AT HAND FOR AS LONG AS DANGEROUS SITUATION EXISTS. HE SAID HE REQUESTING US HELICOPTER SINCE HELICOPTERS IN KHMER INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN. GILL BELIEVED U.S. HELICOPTER WITH RED CROSS IDENTIFICATION SENT WITHOUT PUBLICITY WOULD SERVE PURPOSE BEST.

3. MISOFF TOLD GILL HE UNABLE TO PREDICT USG RESPONSE TO ABOVE REQUEST IN VIEW COMPLEXITY OF PROBLEMS RAISED BUT MISSION
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WOULD FORWARD REQUEST TO WASHINGTON FOR CONSIDERATION. GILL

AGAIN STRESSED INFORMAL NATURE HIS APPROACH.

4. PLEASE ADVISE. ABRAMS

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